

## FOR PLANNING PURPOSES February 8, 2017

## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

## Secretary of State Alex Padilla Announces Public Meeting on CAL-ACCESS Replacement System

**SACRAMENTO** – Secretary of State Alex Padilla will hold a public meeting to provide the public an opportunity to share their thoughts and recommendations about desired features of a completely new version of <u>CAL-ACCESS</u>, California's online campaign finance and lobbying reporting system.

The current system, launched in 2000, is outdated, unstable and lacks modern features. The legislature, working with Secretary of State Padilla, approved legislation authored by Senator Hertzberg that calls for the complete rebuild of the system, directing the Secretary of State to develop and certify for public use an online filing and disclosure system for campaign statements and reports that provides public disclosure of campaign finance and lobbying information in a user-friendly, easily understandable format.

**WHO:** California Secretary of State Alex Padilla

**WHEN:** Thursday, February 9

10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** Secretary of State's Office

Auditorium 1500 11<sup>th</sup> Street

Sacramento, CA 95814

**NOTES:** Members of the public may listen to the meeting by phone by calling (888) 808-

6929; participant code 5551518. Watch the meeting live online by clicking here

or visiting http://www.sos.ca.gov/campaign-lobbying/.

Auditorium doors will open at 10:30 a.m. Anyone wishing to provide oral comment at the hearing is requested to complete a speaker's card upon arrival. Each speaker during the public comment period will be allotted three minutes for presentation. Anyone wishing to submit written comments can do so by delivering a copy at the meeting or by e-mailing it to <a href="mailto:PRDCARS@sos.ca.gov">PRDCARS@sos.ca.gov</a>.